



May 16, 2014

John Greenewald, Jr.
[REDACTED]
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your April 1, 2014, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records in the custody of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Your request was assigned FOIA case number **RD 42930**.

You requested access to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) case file 56-HQ-4870, which was identified by the FBI as potentially responsive to your request for records pertaining to Andy Granatelli. According to your e-mail on May 5, 2014, you only wished to receive copies of documents that pertain to Andy Granatelli in file 56-HQ-4870.

File 56-HQ-4871 is located in box 68 of record entry HS1-163008141 (UD-14D 2); identified as Record Group 65: Records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Classification 56 (Election Laws), Headquarters Case Files, 1936-1987. The subject of the file is the STP Corporation; Campaign Contributions; Election Laws (Accounting and Fraud Section-Watergate Unit). We identified three documents that mention Andy Granatelli in the file.

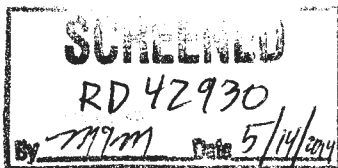
We have completed a line-by-line review of these documents and released information to the greatest extent possible. Information exempted from disclosure under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552) has been redacted. The redactions have been applied to protect the unwarranted invasion of personal privacy per 5 USC 552 (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C). The total page count of all three documents combined is eleven pages with one page containing redactions. Courtesy copies of these documents have been enclosed for your convenience.

You have the right to appeal our decision to restrict access, either in whole or in part, to any document over which this agency has release authority, within 35 calendar days of receipt of this letter. Appeals must be submitted in writing and addressed to the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 4200, College Park, MD 20740. Please cite case number **RD 42930** in your letter and clearly label both the letter and envelope as a FOIA Appeal. If you have additional questions concerning your request, please contact Mark Murphy of my staff at mark.murphy@nara.gov or at (301) 837-1999 prior to initiating your appeal.

This concludes the processing of your request.

Sincerely,

MARTHA WAGNER MURPHY
Chief
Special Access/FOIA Staff



June 3, 1974

BY COURIER SERVICE

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STUDEBAKER - WORTHINGTON, INC.;
PASCO, INC.;
STP CORPORATION;
SUSQUEHANNA CORPORATION
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
ELECTION LAWS

Reference is made to a memorandum from Deputy Special Prosecutor Henry S. Ruth, Jr., dated March 13, 1974, requesting investigation at the above-named firms which are alleged to have made corporate political contributions through payment of legal bills to various attorneys who in turn would make the payment to the specific campaign.

Information has been received from an individual close to these corporations, who will not be available for interview. This individual claims to have no direct knowledge of illegal contributions being made, however, is of the opinion that the legal firm of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie and Alexander (MRGA) of New York City, through the partner Robert Guthrie, funneled many large contributions to the Committee to Reelect the President from captioned firms. This individual also stated that large vouchers for legal fees were submitted by MRGA to these firms which could be considered exorbitant. Guthrie is extremely close to the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Studebaker - Worthington, Inc. (SWI), Derald H. Ruttenberg, and SWI owns controlling interest in the other firms.

This individual could not be more specific, but suggested that MRGA be carefully investigated.

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STUDEBAKER - WORTHINGTON, INC.

The "Wall Street Journal" issue of May 16, 1974, on page thirteen, reported that Randolph H. Guthrie, a partner in the law firm of MRGA, was reelected to the Board of Directors of Pasco, Incorporated, at a recent annual meeting of Pasco, Incorporated. Guthrie is also listed in Standard and Poor's as a member of the Board of Directors of SWI.

The foregoing information is being furnished for the assistance of the Special Prosecutor and no further action is being taken by this Bureau concerning the information furnished by this individual.

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NOTE: Information in this LHM is based upon FD-302 covering interview of Anthony "Andy" Granitelli, former Chairman, Board of Directors, STP Corporation, who specifically requested his identity not be disclosed. This information is recorded on cover pages of Miami report dated 5-16-74, captioned "STP Corporation," Bureau file 56-4871.

Original and one forwarded to SPF by O-14, same date. One copy furnished to WFO, New York and Miami by O-7, same date.

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Date of transcription 4/1/74

~~JOHN J. HOOKER, JR.~~, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Chief Executive Officer, STP Corporation, 1400 West Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was apprised of the identities of SAs THOMAS C. BURKE and RICHARD B. STULL and the nature of the allegations were explained by SA BURKE. SA BURKE furnished an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" Waiver form which he read, executed, and explained that he is an attorney.

At the inception he related he became chairman of the board and chief executive officer of STP Corporation on September 26, 1973, succeeding ANTHONY "ANDY" GRANATELLI, 90 Compass Lane, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Since he assumed office discussions concerning GRANATELLI's political contributions never were and have not been mentioned. He has no knowledge whatsoever of any arrangements made by or made through STP officers to make political contributions through payment of fees to attorneys who would in turn make political contributions as individuals.

He made available General Counsel of STP, EDWARD K. VINCEK for interview.

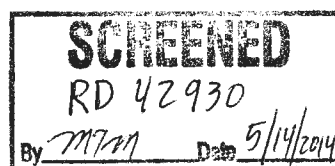
During the interview with VINCEK, HOOKER left the office and returned about 15 minutes later. He said he had contacted DERALD H. RUTTENBERG, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Studebaker - Werthington Corporation, New York City, and as a result Mr. RUTTENBERG stated he would make all records available upon request by FBI Agents relevant to inquiry. He added that Studebaker - Werthington owns 58 percent of STP stock.

He made arrangements through Mr. VINCEK to make available all records of STP pertaining to attorneys' fees.

Interviewed on 3/26/74 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida File # Miami 56-160

by SAs THOMAS C. BURKE & RICHARD B. STULL: TCB/jjj Date dictated 3/27/74

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REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN WASHINGTON FIELD	DATE 5/16/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/26/74 to 5/13/74
TITLE OF CASE STP CORPORATION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS		REPORT MADE BY THOMAS C. BURKE	TYPED BY nad
		CHARACTER OF CASE ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION- WATERGATE UNIT)	

REFERENCES

Bureau airtel to Miami dated 3/20/74.
 Bureau airtel to Miami dated 4/9/74.
 Bureau airtel to Miami dated 5/2/74.

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Reports previously submitted are not being referenced since they are being consolidated into instant report.

An information copy of this report is being furnished the New York Division as the Studebaker - Worthington Corporation, which corporation owns 58 percent of the STP stock, is located in New York City.

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Following is an FD-302 incorporating an interview with ANTHONY (ANDY) GRANITELLI, who requested his interview be kept confidential. It appears the information obtained in the interview is of a general nature and the Bureau and New York probably apprised of the importance of the law firm of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, and Alexander.

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Date of transcription 5/13/74

ANTHONY "ANDY" GRANITELLI, former chairman of the Board of Directors, STP Corporation, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, now a consultant to STP, telephonically and specifically contacted SA **THOMAS C. BURKE**, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, FBI Resident Agency relating that he learned SA **BURKE** was investigating STP regarding possible illegal campaign contributions to the "Committee to Re-Elect the President" (**NIXON**) (**CREP**). He stated flatly that none of the current executive officers of STP would know anything about any illegal campaign contributions. He said "I think I know what you want and where to get it." He invited SA **BURKE** "alone" to his office, Room 915, National Building, 2455 East Sunrise Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

At Room 915, supra, SA **BURKE** identified himself, gave an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" waiver form which he read, said he understood, signed saying he would talk "confidentially" without an attorney. He said during his tenure as chairman of the Board of Directors of STP Corporation, he never knowingly paid any legal fees to any firm with any stated or tacit agreement whereby part of the fee was to be paid to **CREP** as an election contribution, nor does he know any other officer of STP who made any such agreement. He said he does not want to testify to anything he says explaining that STP owes him money and if his name appears in any report, it would be known immediately in interested corporate circles since all the political appointees in the "Department of Justice" in Washington, D. C., have access to FBI reports. He could not be more specific.

ROBERT GUTHRIE of the firm (formerly President **NIXON**) Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, and Alexander (also **JOHN MITCHELL**, former U. S. Attorney General) (**MRGA**), is an extremely close friend and associate of **EMERALD H. RUTTENBERG**, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Studebaker-Worthington (S-W), New York City, New York. **GUTHRIE**'s law firm represents S-W and is also retained by STP Corporation.

Interviewed on 5/9/74 at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida File # Miami 56-160

by SA THOMAS C. BURKE/lb Date dictated 5/13/74

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He said the MRGA law firm through "BOB" GUTHRIE is where many large contributions to CREEP were funneled.

When GRANITELLI was chairman of the board of STP, he would receive vouchers for legal fees from the MRGA law firm and felt they were exorbitant. He said, "Who am I to tell the MRGA the bill was exorbitant, as S-W owns 50.1 percent of STP."

He could not be specific, but is certain MRGA should be carefully investigated.

He made available a copy of a letter dated April 22, 1974, from S-W to the stock holders reporting on a meeting to be held on May 23, 1974, at the offices of Turbodyne Corporation in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Turbodyne is a subsidiary of S-W. Page 20 of this letter discloses there has accrued payment by S-W including its eight subsidiaries approximately \$816,000 to the firm of MRGA for professional services during 1973. A copy of this letter, in part, as submitted is attached hereto.

He then alluded to his demise as chairman of the board of STP. In 1972, DERALD RUTTENBERG received a Federal tax assessment and passed on \$1,800,000 to be paid by STP. Studebaker Corporation, the predecessor of S-W, lost millions of dollars in the early mid-1960s and had received a deferred tax break.

In 1972, S-W received the full assessed tax and divided it among the various subsidiaries of which \$1,800,000 was assessed STP.

GRANITELLI refused to accept this assessment and resulted in several arguments with DERALD RUTTENBERG. He felt the assessment was unjust, illegal and unfair to STP stock holders. After several arguments, he agreed that if an outside legal opinion from a disinterested law firm passed on this assessment, he would pay it from STP funds.

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RUTTENBERG said MRGA would render the opinion on the legality of the assessment which was done against the wishes of GRANITELLI as GRANITELLI claimed the MRGA law firm was an interested party.

At a Board of Directors meeting in the latter part of 1972, RUTTENBERG, after threatening to fire GRANITELLI on several prior occasions, gave GRANITELLI an ultimatum and partly consisted of the following:

1. Accept the legal opinion of MRGA on the tax assessment
2. Pay the assessment
3. Approve the purchase of a subsidiary which had gross sales of \$7,000,000

In payment for this subsidiary STP stock valued at the time at \$14,000,000 was to be paid. This subsidiary was owned largely by RUTTENBERG and a close friend.

As a result of this meeting and his refusal to bow to RUTTENBERG's demands, his demise followed and he was replaced in September, 1973, by JOHN J. HOOKER.

HOOKER ran unsuccessfully twice for the governorship of Tennessee, and has been affiliated with five different failing business ventures. One of the most widely known was the Minnie Pearl franchises.

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Studebaker Worthington

April 22, 1974

DEAR STOCKHOLDER:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Studebaker-Worthington, Inc. will be held at the offices of Turbodyne Corporation (a subsidiary of the Corporation), 711 Anderson Avenue, North, St. Cloud, Minnesota on Thursday, May 23, 1974 at 10:30 A.M. (Central Daylight Saving Time). Turbodyne's St. Cloud facility serves as the new headquarters for its Gas Turbine Division. Transportation to St. Cloud will be provided by buses leaving at approximately 8:30 A.M. from the Marquette Inn at the IDS Center, 710 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis. Following the Meeting lunch and a guided tour of the St. Cloud facility will be provided. Transportation will also be available to return to the Marquette Inn in Minneapolis after the day's program is completed.

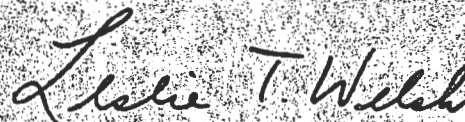
You are cordially invited to attend the Meeting and the other events mentioned above. If you plan to attend, please fill out and return the enclosed postcard so that we may better provide all necessary arrangements.

We urge you to read carefully the attached copy of Notice of Meeting and Proxy Statement. At the Meeting you will be asked to consider amendments to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation and the By-laws of the Corporation, to elect ten directors and to ratify the appointment of auditors. Your Board of Directors and management recommend a vote FOR these proposals as being in the best interest of all the stockholders.

It is important that your shares be represented at the Meeting regardless of the number of shares owned by you. Whether or not you plan to attend, please sign, date and mail the enclosed proxy promptly.

Very truly yours,


Chairman


President

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addition, cash incentive compensation awards totalling \$30,000 were paid to two officers of the Corporation in 1974 as adjustments in respect of 1972.

The Corporation and its subsidiaries, including eight subsidiaries having securities owned by the public, have paid, or there has accrued for payment, approximately \$816,000 to the law firm of Mudge Rose Guthrie & Alexander, of which firm Mr. Guthrie is a partner, for professional services rendered during the year 1973. Of this amount, approximately \$382,000 was incurred by The Susquehanna Corporation.

The firm of Goldman, Sachs & Co., in which Mr. Levy is a partner, has received from January 1, 1973 to March 29, 1974 gross fees and commissions from the Corporation or certain of its subsidiaries, as follows: gross fees in the amount of \$112,500, before expenses, in connection with two offerings of industrial revenue bonds for a subsidiary of the Corporation; and a management fee of \$12,293.50, before expenses, in connection with a tender offer by the Corporation and a subsidiary for shares of that subsidiary's capital stock. In 1973 and during the period January 1, 1974 through March 29, 1974 Goldman, Sachs & Co. received an aggregate of approximately \$73,863 as (i) gross commissions, before expenses, in connection with securities transactions by the Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries, and (ii) gross profit, before expenses, in connection with the sale by the Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries of commercial paper to Goldman, Sachs & Co. for resale to banks and other purchasers. Goldman, Sachs & Co. may, from time to time, receive similar fees and commissions from the Corporation and its subsidiaries in the future.

Reich & Tang, Inc., a member organization of the New York Stock Exchange, is the sole investment advisor with respect to all investments of a major portion of a commingled trust fund which is comprised of the trust assets of pension and retirement plans of the Corporation and a number of its subsidiaries and the investment advisor to the Profit Sharing Plan trust of the Corporation. Mr. Reich is President of Reich & Tang, Inc. and owns approximately 38% of its outstanding voting stock. Finserv Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation, owns all of the outstanding non-voting stock, but none of the voting stock, of Reich & Tang, Inc. Pursuant to agreement, the commingled trust fund paid to Reich & Tang, Inc. aggregate fees as investment advisor and brokerage commissions of \$648,222 in 1973 and \$128,842 during the period January 1, 1974 to March 29, 1974. Also pursuant to agreement, the Profit Sharing Plan trust paid to Reich & Tang, Inc. aggregate brokerage commissions of \$14,613 in 1973 and \$282 during the period January 1, 1974 to March 29, 1974; and the

Corporation paid to Reich & Tang, Inc. fees as investment advisor to the Profit Sharing Plan trust of \$15,827 in 1973 and \$5,172 for the first quarter of 1974. The Corporation believes that the amounts paid by such commingled trust fund to Reich & Tang, Inc. as investment advisor and the amounts paid by the Corporation to Reich & Tang, Inc. as investment advisor to the Profit Sharing Plan trust are reasonable and appropriate as compared to fees paid to investment advisors generally for comparable services.

One subsidiary of the Corporation has paid to Reich & Tang, Inc. brokerage commissions of \$8,370 in 1973 and two subsidiaries have paid brokerage commissions of \$3,055 during the period January 1, 1974 to March 29, 1974, all in connection with the purchase of securities.

The Corporation leases from BCG Partnership certain executive offices under a lease agreement at an annual rental of \$48,941 (subject to adjustment for taxes, assessments and other operating expenses). The term of the lease is for five years commencing in January, 1974 with an option to the Corporation to renew for two additional five-year terms. Mr. Welsh is a general partner of BCG Partnership. The Corporation believes that the annual rent and other terms of the lease agreement are reasonable and appropriate as compared to such charges and terms for similar facilities.

During 1973, the Corporation entered into a ten-year employment contract with Mr. Welsh ending on December 31, 1983 at an annual base salary of \$180,000 or such greater amount as may be determined by the Corporation's Board of Directors. Mr. Welsh may terminate the contract at his option upon six months' notice to the Corporation.

Subsidiaries of The Susquehanna Corporation, a 38% owned subsidiary of the Corporation, sold certain plastic products aggregating \$92,783 to, and purchased electrical materials and supplies aggregating \$45,037 from, Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc., an associate of Mr. Colburn described on page 14 above, during 1973 and through February 1974.

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